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PAT NYGAARD MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP ESTABLISHED AT UM

MISSOULA --

A scholarship fund has been established at the University of Montana in honor of former employee Pat Nygaard, who supervised the X-ray and orthotics departments of the Student Health Service.

Nygaard, who worked at UM from 1979 to 1987, died of cancer Jan. 20 at age 44.

Set up by her husband, UM health and physical education Professor Gary Nygaard, the scholarship will go to a senior or graduate student in the health sciences. Those fields are health and physical education, communication sciences and disorders, physical therapy, medical technology, microbiology, clinical psychology, pharmacy and pre-medicine.

The student must have at least a 3.2 grade-point average. "But more important," Professor Nygaard says, "the recipient should reflect those qualities that made Pat special to a whole lot of people."

He says those qualities include a love of life, a love of people and a sense of fairness. "The scholarship is designed for a humanistic health professional, which is what Pat was," he says.

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